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SUBJ: UN SYG REPORT ON CURRENT STATUS UNTSO

1. UNSYG WALDHEIM CALLED MEETING ON MORNING OCTOBER 10 FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF 16 COUNTRIES WITH OFFICERS SERVING IN UNTSO. HE REPORTED CURRENT STATUS OF PERSONNEL AND OPERATIONS.

2. NORWEGINA CAPTAIN AND HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER WERE KILLED IN DAMASCUS BOMBING OF OCTOBER 9. FYI. UN STAFF MEMBER TOLD MISOFF HOME WAS BETWEEN EIGHT HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND METRES FROM ASSUMED ISRAELI TARGET AT SYRIAN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS. END FYI.

3. ONE FRENCH AND ONE ITALIAN OBSERVER CARRIED AS MISSING. LAST HEARD FROM AT 1315 GMT OCTOBER 6 WHEN THEY WERE MANNING OP COPPER NEAR KANTARA EAST. THIS POST WAS ON MAIN EXIS  
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OF ONE OF FIRST MAJOR EGYPTIAN THRUSTS ACROSS CANAL.

SYG EXPRESSED HOPE THA THE TWO OFFICERS MAY HAVE BEEN EVACUATED TO PORT SAID AND COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES (WHICH HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLE IN THE AREA) HAVE PREVENTED THEIR REPORTING TO CAIRO LIAISON OFFICE OR JERUSALEM UNTSO HEADQUARTERS. POST ITSELF WAS HEAVILY PROTECTED AND RELATIVELY SAFE FROM MOST FIRE.

4. ALL OTHER UN OBSERVER AND STAFF PERSONNEL, INCLUDING DEPENDENTS, ARE SAFE AND ACCOUNTED FOR EXCEPT WIFE OF FAO EXPERT IN DAMASCUS WHO WAS KILLED. IN ADDITION, WIFE AND SISTER OF A JORDANIAN DOCTOR AND WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN OF PAKISTANI DOCTOR (BOTH WITH UN) WERE INJURED IN DAMASCUS RAID AND ARE HOSPITALIZED. SEVERAL OTHER UN DEPENDENTS IN DAMASCUS RECEIVED SUPERFICIAL INJURIES NOT RPT NOT REQUIRING HOSPITALIZATION.

5. AS DEPT AWARE, ALL OPS ALONG SUEZ ARE SHUT DOWN. SYG NOTED THAT SINCE FIGHTING HAD MOVED AS MUCH AS EIGHT MILES INLAND BEFORE CLOSURES, MANY POSTS UNABLE OBSERVE AND REPORT ANYWAY. POSTS ON LEBANESE-ISRAELI BORDER, OPS SIX AND FOUR WERE EVACUATED WHEN AXIS OF SYRIAN ATTACK MADE THEM UNTENABLE. OP THREE WAS EVACUATED TO NEARBY (ISRAELI SIDE OF 1967 LINE) OP VICTOR. ALL OTHER GOLAN HEIGHTS OPS CONTINUE TO REPORT.

6. SYG REVIEWED ACTION SURROUNDING EGYPTIAN REQUEST ON OCTOBER TO UNTSO CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL SIILASVUO THAT ALL OBSERVERS BE REMOVED FROM BOTH SIDES OF SUEZ CANAL. SIILASVUO HAD REFERRED DECISION TO SYG WHO IN TURN ASKED FOR SECURITY COUNCIL CONSENSUS AGREEING TO WITHDRAWAL SINCE SC HAD BY CONSENSUS GRANTED ORIGINAL AUTHORITY FOR STATIONING OBSERVERS ALONG CANAL. SYG NOTED THAT SC PRESIDENT (MCINTYRE OF AUSTRALIA) HAD CONSULTED WITH SC MEMBERS AND INFORMED SYG BY TELEPHONE EVENING OF OCTOBER 8 THAT CONSENSUS HAD BEEN REACHED AUTHORIZING SYG TO HAVE GENERAL SIILASVUO AGREE WITH EGYPTIAN REQUEST.

7. AFTER PRIVATE PROMPTING FROM MISOFF PRESENT, AMB. MCINTYRE REQUESTED SYG PERMISSION TO CLARIFY THE CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS. HE SAID THAT "TECHNICALLY" HE HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED SC CONSENSUS UNTIL EARLY MORNING OF OCTOBER 9. HE SAID THAT HE HAD ONLY MEANT TO INFORM THE SYG THE PREVIOUS EVENING OF HIS OWN CONFIDENCE THAT CONSENSUS WOULD BE REACHED. FYI. AMB. SCAHUFELE HAD NOT RPT NOT PASSED TO AMB. MCINTYRE FORMAL US CONCURRENCE UNTIL EARLY HOURS OCTOBER 9. END FYI.

8. CANADIAN REP ASKED SYG IF EGYPTIAN REQUEST IMPLIED

GOE WANTED PERMANENT WITHDRAWAL OF UNTSO. SYG STATED EMPHATICALLY SUCH WAS NOT RPT NOT THE CASE. HE SAID BRIGADIER SHARIF, EGYPTIAN LIAISON OFFICER TO UNTSO IN CAIRO, HAD STRONGLY IMPLIED TO GENERAL SIILASVUO THAT GOE WANTED OBSERVERS AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE DUTY. FOR THIS REASON UN KEEPING OBSERVERS IN CAIRO TO BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE WHEN REQUIRED.

9. SYG DID ASK PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO HALT FOR MOMENT ONWARD TRAVEL OF REPLACEMENTS TO UNTSO, PENDING CLARIFICATION OF SITUATION. LIST CIRCULATED OF EXPECTED NEAR FUTURE ARRIVALS DID NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE ANY US PERSONNEL.

10. COMMENT: WE LEARNED LATER THAT FRENCH HAD PROTESTED TO UNSYG HIS FAILURE TO INFORM SC MEMBERS THAT US HAD CONCURRED IN TRANSFER OF OBSERVERS OCTOBER 9, AND THAT CONSENSUS HAD ACCORDINGLY THEN BEEN REACHED.  
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